

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

APR 12 2002
By CAR-353

Property Name: Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Inventory Number: CAR-353

Address: 522 Main Street, PO Box 399 City: Marydel Zip Code: 21649

County: Caroline USGS Topographic Map: Marydell, MD/DE Quadrangle

Owner: Church of the Immaculate Conception

Tax Parcel Number: 935 Tax Map Number: 2A Tax Account ID Number: 012282

Lincoln Cascade Telecommunication Tower MOA

Project: Documentation Agency: Federal Communications Commission

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐

Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ no ☒ yes Name of district: Marydel

Is district listed? ☒ no ☐ yes Determined eligible? ☐ no ☒ yes District Inventory Number: CAR-310

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project File

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

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eligible

Prepared by: Fred M. Holycross

Date Prepared: 4-07-02

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Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: Contributing resource to district.

[Signature]
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

7/12/02
Date

[Signature]
Reviewer, NR program

4/17/02
Date

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Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
CAR – 353
522 Main Street
Marydel, MD
Built 1918
Private (Accessible)

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This property was historically known as the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church. The main building was built in 1918. The church was one of two local religious congregations, the other being the Methodist Episcopal Church (built 1871), still located on the east side of State Highway 311. The need for a Roman Catholic Church in Marydel did not become apparent until World War I (1914-1918) when significant numbers of German-speaking Catholic immigrants began moving into the area. Father Maurice Cotter, CM ministered to these families in the villages of Marydel and Henderson beginning around 1914. Father Cotter was the parish priest at Ridgeley and also served as Chaplin to the Benedictine Sisters. He was provided with translation assistance by Sister Clotilda Bickta in his work with the Marydel and Henderson immigrants. The Catholic community grew and Father Cotter purchased land and had the Immaculate Conception Church constructed at this site. The Church was dedicated on Christmas day in 1918. Today the church is once again tending to the spiritual needs of immigrant Catholics. Hispanic immigrants from Mexico and Guatemala began settling in the Marydel area during the last decade of the twentieth century. A significant number of the church's members are now of those national origins.

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Maryland Inventory of

Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CAR-353

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

other

2. Location

street and number

522 Main Street

not for publication

city, town

Marydel

vicinity

county

Caroline

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

Church of the Immaculate Conception

street and number

PO Box 126

telephone

410-482-7687

city, town

Marydel

state

MD

zip code

21649

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

Caroline County Courthouse

liber

217 folio

194

city, town

Denton, MD

tax map

2A

tax parcel

935

tax ID number

012282

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

Contributing Resource in National Register District

Contributing Resource in Local Historic District

X

Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register

Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register

Recorded by HABS/HAER

Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT

Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<div><div></div>district</div>	<div><div></div>public</div>	<div><div></div>agriculture</div>	<div><div></div>landscape</div>	<div>Contributing</div>	<div>Noncontributing</div>
<div><div>X</div>building(s)</div>	<div><div>X</div>private</div>	<div><div></div>commerce/trade</div>	<div><div></div>recreation/culture</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>1</div> buildings
<div><div></div>structure</div>	<div><div></div>both</div>	<div><div></div>defense</div>	<div><div>X</div>religion</div>		
<div><div></div>site</div>		<div><div></div>domestic</div>	<div><div></div>social</div>		
<div><div></div>object</div>		<div><div></div>education</div>	<div><div></div>transportation</div>		
		<div><div></div>funerary</div>	<div><div></div>work in progress</div>		<div>2</div> Total
		<div><div></div>government</div>	<div><div></div>unknown</div>	Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
		<div><div></div>health care</div>	<div><div></div>vacant/not in use</div>		
		<div><div></div>industry</div>	<div><div></div>other:</div>	<div>0</div>	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Summary

The Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church was built in 1918 and is located on the south side of Main Street, approximately one-quarter mile west of State Highway 311 in Marydel, Maryland. The property consists of a Church and a Church Hall. As originally constructed, the building was a typical example of a vernacular rural church with Classical Revival detailing of the period. It is a one and a half story wood-frame building with a rectangular bell tower. The structure's architectural character has been altered by the construction of a 1987 addition and a modified front entryway. Other characteristic architectural details have also been modified, including the removal and replacement of original round-arched windows, the building's clapboard siding covered in synthetic siding and the introduction of numerous stained-glass windows. Few interior architectural details or furnishings remain in their original configuration from the period of the building's construction; the original altar and interior details have either been removed or reconfigured to accommodate the new interior arrangements.

Comprehensive Description

The Church is a one and a half-story, rectangular, gable-front building with an attached one and a half-story rear addition. The original main block was clad in clapboard siding and is of wood frame construction on a brick foundation. The original exterior has been covered with vinyl siding; the brick foundation has been parged. The principal (northeast) facade has a central, enclosed front entryway. The entryway has been altered with its roof extended to cover an entry platform with railed stairs accessing both sides. Fenestration of the front facade consists of two round-arched windows located symmetrically on either side of the entryway. Historic windows have been removed and replaced on the exterior with a dark protective synthetic material; interior stained-glass windows replace the original windows. The front entry is an elliptical-arched, paneled double door. There is one small, round window centrally located over the front entry. The front facade features a rectangular bell tower with round-arched vent openings on four sides and a gable roof with cornice returns. A cross sits astride the tower. The roof is clad with composition shingles and retains a simple frieze and cornice returns. An historic photograph from 1938 shows the original roof material to be wood shingles.¹

The original building had small side wings to the rear to accommodate the sanctuary and altar area. The rear portion of the structure was expanded in 1987 to accommodate an even larger sanctuary and create a modified transept with naves. The original side facades have three round-arched windows, with original windows removed and covered as above. There is now a massive one and a half-story addition to the rear of the main block that is of wood frame construction on a parged, concrete block foundation. Fenestration consists of a variety of windows with stained glass. The roof has a steeple toward its south end, which was removed from another church and erected here.²

The interior of the church has been altered to create a larger sanctuary. Many historic materials have been removed and new and historic materials from other structures have been added to create a modified interior.³ Stained glass windows from churches in Maryland and elsewhere, and new stained-glass windows, have been inserted into the historic openings and into the windows of the 1987 addition. One original stained glass window from the rear wall remains and has been relocated to that location in the new sanctuary. The window depicts the church's namesake, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, pierced by a sword.⁴

The Church Hall and school is located northwest of the church and was built circa 1965. It is a non-contributing, one-story, brick structure with metal windows used for classrooms and meetings. Adjacent church properties (not part of this lot) include non-contributing structures used for church offices and the parish priest's residence. These are circa 1960 ranch style structures covered in vinyl siding.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates

Architect/Builder None

Construction dates 1918

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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Caroline County

Caroline County, Maryland was formally established in 1763 and was named for Lady Caroline Calvert the sister of Frederick, the last Lord Baltimore. The county remains essentially rural and from its beginning has been an agricultural region producing tobacco in the eighteenth century and herbs, fruit, flowers and vegetables in increasing quantities as the county grew.⁵ Caroline County is landlocked and its initial development depended on ready transportation via the Choptank River that connects the area to Chesapeake Bay to the west. The county seat, Denton (originally Edenton), flourished as the location for storage depots for ships traveling up river from Cambridge. Produce, butter and eggs were among the agricultural products shipped via river to Baltimore and surrounding communities in the nineteenth century. Other early products shipped out of Caroline County included lumber, cork and grain. Denton’s “commercial sister,” Federalsburg, at the south end of the county was famous in the late nineteenth century for its shallow-draft river boats.⁶

After 1885 Caroline County became home to the produce canning industry. In its peak year, 1920, there were sixty-two (62) active canneries in the county.⁷ Marydel joined the canning industry when Wesley Temple opened a plant in 1872. At least nine (9) separate canning operations were active at different times in Marydel from that time through the 1940s.⁸ The industry was the largest of any county on the eastern shore.

Marydel

The village of Marydel is located in the most northern section of the county. It is a border town that extends into the West Dover Hundred of Kent County, Delaware. William Hall was the first property-owner here when he bought several hundred acres in 1851, a track of land that was heavily forested. He later hired an African American man, named Williams, to live on the land and help develop it. Williams built a log house and is Marydel’s first official settler. The village’s first industry, a saw mill, was built sometime in the next several years by William McNett.⁹

First named Halltown, the first house built here was on the Delaware side of the line. The town was laid out and name Marydel in 1870. By 1897 there were forty houses (40), a grist mill and a cannery. As cited above, fruits and vegetable packing—tomatoes being a dominant fruit packaged here—was Marydel’s most active industrial enterprise from the late nineteenth into the twentieth century. It seems that the first plant of this type may have been an “evaporating plant” where fruits were dried, although dates for when this business may have begun are unclear from available sources. This “Evaporator” plant has also been cited as the location for the first school in town.¹⁰

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Transportation access improved after 1859 when right of way for the town's first railroad, the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington line, was given by William Hall and his brother. Two stations were built here; the second was removed to a site south of the village on State Highway 311 sometime in the late twentieth century and is abandoned and deteriorating.¹¹

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data

- I. Historic Period Themes(s): Religion
- II. Geographic organization: Eastern Shore
- III. Chronological/Development Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- IV. Resource Type(s):
 - i. Category: Building
 - ii. Historic Environment: Village
 - iii. Historic Function(s) and Use(s) Church
 - iv. Known Design Source:None

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	100' X 152.3' lot	
Acreage of historical setting	same	
Quadrangle name	Marydell MD/DE	Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Caroline County Map 2A, Parcel 935, Sect 4, Group 80 (Plat No 12 808). This is the same lot purchased and constructed upon by the church in 1917/18.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Fred M. Holycross, Architectural Historian		
organization	URS Corporation	date	4-7-02
street & number	7101 Wisconsin Avenue	telephone	301-652-2215
city or town	Bethesda	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

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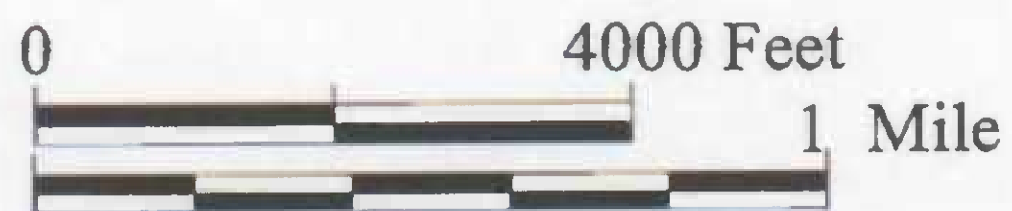
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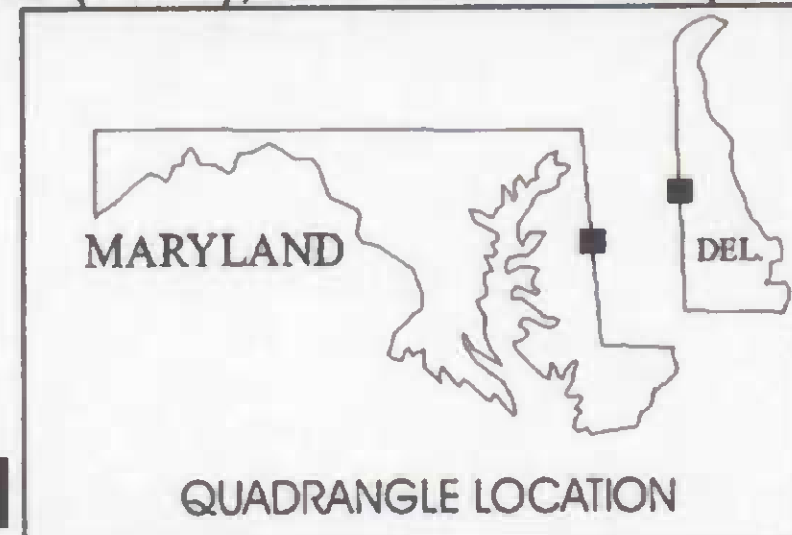


LEGEND:

- Immaculate Conception Church
- Preliminary Boundaries Identified as Eligible for the National Register



Source: U.S.G.S. 7.5' Series Quads: Marydel (1993), and Kenton (1993), Del.; Goldsboro (1944), and Sudlersville (1993), MD.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
522 MAIN STREET, MARYDEL, MARYLAND



Photograph 9. Historic photograph of interior of church, date unknown. Courtesy of Immaculate Conception Church.

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Immaculate Conception Church, Marydel, Maryland

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Photograph 10. 1938 photograph of Immaculate Conception Church. Courtesy of the Church.

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Immaculate Conception Church, Marydel, Maryland

CAR-353



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Immaculate Conception Church

MARYDLE / CAROLINE CO.

From M. Holy cross (photos)

1-16-02

NO 5470 (Neg)

View of Church from West

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Marydel / CAROLINA CO

FRED M. HOLYCROSS (PHOTOGRAPH)

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MD SHPO (loc of Weg)

N.W. FAZAR

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

MARY DEL CAROLINE CO.

From M. J. CROSS (photo)

1-16-02

MD SHPO (loc of Nag)

View of Church from road (Rear)

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

MARYDOL CAROLINE

FRAUD M. HOLYWOOD (19706)

1-16-02

MD SHRO (DOC. OF NEG.)

View of Church From South

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

MARY DEL. / CAROLINE CO.

Rev. M. Holy Cross (photo)

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MD 5420 (loc. of neg.)

View of Church from S.E.

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Church

MARY DEL / CAROLINE Co.

Rev M. Holycross (photographer)

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MD 5420 (loc of Natl)

View of Church from East

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Church

MARY DEL CAROLINE CO.

FRED M. HOLYKROSS (photog.)

1-16-02

MD S+PO (loc. of neg.)

Front facade (N.E.)

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Immaculate Conception Church

Marydel, MD - (Carolina Co.)

Fred M. Holy Cross (photog)

1-16-02

MD SHPO (pc. of N495)

View of Church from North from Across
Main Street

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